

# TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Peach

*Prunus persica*

The peach tree is a native to China, and has a fleshy, sweet, edible fruit. The leaves are narrowly elliptic to lanceolate, to six inches long with a long, slender point at the tip. The dark gray bark becomes fissured with age. The peach tree has pale to deep pink flowers in the early spring. The peach tree is broadly spreading in shape, and grows to 26 feet in height.

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**Natural Resources**

Happy Arbor Month! Now that spring is finally here, get out there and plant some trees. Get involved in your community and make it more livable this season! Spring is not only a great time to plant trees, it's also a great season for weddings. So on that note, I took some time off in March to get married!! After a great honeymoon in Sun Valley, I'm excited for Arbor Day and to visit many of our Tree City USA award winners in the month of April. -Sarah Griffith

## Tree City USA

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) has recognized **40** Washington communities with the Tree City USA award. Each community has met or exceeded the following standards set forth by NADF: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditure on tree-related matters, and celebrate Arbor Day. The number of years they have received the award is in parentheses. Washington's Tree City USA's are:

City of Bellevue (10)★	City of Mount Vernon (6)
City of Bellingham (5)	City of Okanogan (4)
<u>City of Bothell</u> (1)	City of Olympia (8)
City of Bremerton (5)	City of Omak (4)
City of Cashmere (14)	City of Poulsbo (4)
City of Clarkston (5)	City of Pullman (4)★
Town of Clyde Hill (8)	City of Redmond (2)
City of Deer Park (3)	City of Richland (3)
City of Ellensburg (18)	City of Seattle (16)★
<u>City of Entiat</u> (1)	City of Sumner (7)
City of Everett (8)	City of Tacoma (8)
Fairchild Air Force Base (7)★	City of Tumwater (7)
City of Ferndale (2)	<u>City of Twisp</u> (1)
City of Grandview (4)	City of University Place (1)
Town of Hunts Point (10)	City of Vancouver (12)★
City of Issaquah (8)★	City of Walla Walla (7)★
<u>City of Kennewick</u> (1)	<u>Town of Washtucna</u> (1)
City of Lacey (10)	Town of Waterville (2)
City of Longview (17)★	City of Woodinville (5)★
McChord Air Force Base (8)	City of Yelm (5)★

Underlined communities are first time Tree City USA recipients. Communities with a "★" went above and beyond the four standards to receive points towards a Tree City USA "Growth Award." If you would like information about becoming a Tree City USA or the Tree City USA "Growth Award," please contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

## Statewide Tree Inventory Study

The Urban and Community Forestry Program is sponsoring a statewide study of urban and community tree inventories. We ask that every community in Washington with a tree inventory participate by taking part in a short interview. All community tree inventories are relevant regardless of size, age, or functionality. This will help to improve our inventories and establish base line data regarding our urban forest resource. This study is being conducted by Robert Corletta, as part of his graduate work at the University of Washington. Please contact Robert at (206) 685-2591 or [corletta@u.washington.edu](mailto:corletta@u.washington.edu), no later than April 20th.

## Washington Poster Contest Winner

Congratulations to Kyle Klempel of Elger Bay Elementary School in Camano Island, Washington. Kyle is the Washington State winner of the 2001 Arbor Day Poster Contest. He received \$25, as did his teacher Kent Lassiger. His entry will go on to the National Contest. Jonathan Zander, of Snohomish, Washington, was the Arbor Day Poster Contest national winner for 2000. This event is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation. We thank all of the fifth graders that entered the Washington State Arbor Day Poster Contest in 2001! If you would like more information on the poster contest, please call the TreeLink Hotline.

## In the works (continued)

"The cultivation of trees is the cultivation of the good, the beautiful, and the ennobling in man."

-J. Sterling Morton

**TRIVIA:** When was Arbor Day founded?

(answer is upside down below)

## Picks and Shovels

## On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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(in 1872, by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska)

## Evaluating Tree Defects Workshop

Instrument Mechanic Labor, Inc. is presenting a professional seminar series on Evaluating Tree Defects. This workshop series includes a workshop in Seattle on April 13, 2001. The workshop will be presented by Ed Hayes and will include instruction on Visual Tree Assessment and field exercises. All attendees will receive a new field guide for evaluating tree defects and six Continuing Education Units from the International Society of Arboriculture. The registration fee is \$135. The book *Evaluating Tree Defects* is available for purchase for \$19.95 to those unable to attend the workshop. For more information, contact IML, Inc., at 1-888-514-8851 or [www.imlusa.com](http://www.imlusa.com). Information is also available at 1-800-523-TREE.

## Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) is holding two workshops on hazard tree evaluation. The first workshop will be on May 2, 2001, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The second workshop will be in Wenatchee on May 9, 2001. These continuing education workshops are intended for arborists, park managers, planners, landscape maintenance personnel and others interested in learning how to evaluate trees for hazard. A basic knowledge of tree biology is assumed. The course fee is \$65, and PNW-ISA members will receive a 20 percent discount. The course fee includes course materials (but not the textbook which can be purchased through PNW-ISA), breaks, and lunch. For more information on these workshops, contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 or the TreeLink Hotline.

*Strategies to Reduce Infrastructure Damage by Tree Roots, Proceedings of a Symposium for Researchers and Practitioners.* This booklet is the proceedings from a meeting held March 31 - April 1, 2000, in Davis, California, and contains papers by leaders in Urban Forestry Research on such topics as "Costs Due to Conflicts Between Street Tree Root Growth and Hardscape", "Field Assessment of Soil Factors Contributing to Sidewalk Damage by Tree Roots", "Selection and Propagation of Deep-rooted Ornamental Trees for Urban Environments", and many more. The symposium proceedings contain all of the presented papers, including information on structural soils, strategies to reduce infrastructure damage, education the public, and much more. This publication is available for loan from the Urban and Community Forestry Program by calling 1-800-523-TREE.

2001 *ArborLeaf* This publication, produced by the Washington Arbor Day Council (WADC), includes Arbor Day celebration information and ideas. To receive a copy of *ArborLeaf*, visit the WADC website at [www.wa.gov/dnr/arbor](http://www.wa.gov/dnr/arbor) or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

### April

4 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, Yakima. Call 1-800-523-TREE for details.

11 Washington State Arbor Day

24 Small Trees for Urban Gardens. 7 to 9 p.m. Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle.  
\$20 registration fee. Call (206) 685-8033 for more information.

27 National Arbor Day

### May

1-3 Urban Wildlife Management National Conference. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation for more information at 1-888-448-7337.

2 Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for more information.

9 Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation, Wenatchee. Contact PNW-ISA for more information.

### June

20 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, Swinomish Tribal Community. Call the TreeLink Hotline for details.

22 Certified Arborist Exam, Seattle. Register by June 6, 2001. Call PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.